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If It Takes All Winter!

The membership campaign, about which considerable notice has been given in the columns of the *Bulletin*, has been running up grade for four months. During recent weeks the incline has approached the perpendicular. The Conference organization is not responsible for most of the difficulties. Certainly, the effort has not slackened for lack of enthusiastic loyalty on the part of the dozens of members who are laboring on the problem.

But the stern fact emerges, that only a month remains of 1918 and that scarcely a fourth of the number of new memberships has been garnered that were anticipated when the plan of the Executive Committee was put in operation last summer.

But there are two natural expedients that may take off the edge of the disappointment:

1. Present members should be as generous as possible with "plus" subscriptions, which are being asked for at this time, so that the Conference treasury may not run dry. All members, indeed, should undertake on their own initiative to secure both new memberships and new subscriptions.

2. The excellent machinery and *esprit de corps* which have been developing during these months of small return should be directed by state "captains" and "lieutenants" during the final effort toward securing members of the year 1918, who will thus receive the Kansas City Proceedings fresh from the press at the time when interest is being quickened by the dawn of reconstruction.

As the National Conference Appears "Over There"

Greetings were sent by the National Conference at the Kansas City meeting to leading members engaged in Red Cross war service in France. Three former presidents of the Conference were included in the resolution and were later written by President Woods. These were Ernest P. Bicknell, Edward T. Devine and Homer W. Folks.

Typical of the appreciative responses to this message of fellowship from the Conference is the reply recently received from Mr. Bicknell, Commissioner of the American Red Cross for Belgium, who has written in part as follows:

"Knowing the National Conference as I do, through many years of close attendance upon the sessions, and knowing many of those who regularly attend these meetings, I am the more appreciative of this action.

"It is a great thing to know that the National Conference, with the innumerable agencies which it represents, is at the service of our country in this great cause. Already many members

of the National Conference are over here at work and more are coming almost every day. It is one of the pleasant and memorable features of this work that as we travel about in France or England or Italy or Belgium, we are continually meeting old friends from 'home,' who also are here doing what they can to promote the ends to which the Allies have consecrated themselves.

"Thanking you and thanking the National Conference, through you, for

this very much appreciated expression of confidence, I am

"Very truly yours,
"(Signed) Ernest P. Bicknell."

Mrs. Sarah P. Joslin, one of the lieutenants in the Illinois membership campaign working under the direction of Mr. Philip L. Seman, captain for Illinois, passed away October 15th. Her husband, James T. Joslin, is a prominent business man of Rockford, Ill., where the family lived.

Are You Satisfied

With the Standing of Your State
in the Membership Campaign?

Nine states and one section of Canada are virtually without Captains.
Look up your state. If it is without leadership won't you volunteer?

State	Quota	Number secured to date	Yet to be secured	Captain
Alabama	32	2	30	Mrs. W. L. Murdoch.
Arizona	7	7	0	Miss Christiana G. Gilchrist.
Arkansas	26	7	19	Miss Harriet E. Shepard.
California	97	5	92	H. J. Maginnity.
Colorado	45	0	45	Mrs. W. K. Galloway.
Connecticut	45	2	43	George L. Warren.
Delaware	12	0	12	
District of Columbia	45	5	40	Walter S. Ufford.
Florida	35	40	0	Marcus C. Fagg.
Georgia	63	8	55	Robert B. McCord.
Idaho	11	0	11	
Illinois	328	19	199	Philip L. Seman.
Indiana	105	0	105	
Iowa	60	22	38	Ralph J. Reed.
Kansas	37	3	34	
Kentucky	63	10	53	Elwood Street.
Louisiana	30	0	30	
Maine	32	1	31	James F. Bagley.
Maryland	63	8	55	Roscoe C. Edlund.
Massachusetts	161	3	158	Robert A. Woods.
Michigan	108	149	0	George R. Bedinger.
Minnesota	94	2	92	Otto W. Davis.
Mississippi	18	0	18	Mrs. C. T. Wooten.
Missouri	40	3	37	J. L. Wagner.
Montana	14	0	14	
Nebraska	42	1	41	
New Hampshire	17	7	10	William J. Ahern.
New Jersey	150	35	115	A. W. MacDougall.
New Mexico	7	0	7	John Tombs.
Nevada	4	0	4	
New York	465	38	427	George J. Nelbach.
North Carolina	28	0	28	Daisy Denson.
North Dakota	25	9	16	P. M. Casey.
Ohio	200	3	197	H. H. Shiver.
Oklahoma	30	3	27	A. M. Welch.
Oregon	35	0	35	A. R. Gephart.
Pennsylvania	277	8	277	Edwin D. Solenberger.
Rhode Island	25	0	25	E. Frances O'Neill.
South Carolina	24	10	14	Lottie S. Olney.
South Dakota	15	0	15	
Tennessee	60	37	23	Miss Mary Russell.
Texas	72	16	56	J. B. Rawlings.
Utah	21	23	0	Mrs. Amy Brown Lyman.
Vermont	14	4	10	C. W. Wilson.
Virginia	28	1	27	
Washington	60	1	59	Virginia McMechen.
West Virginia	35	1	34	Mrs. L. H. Putnam.
Wisconsin	78	6	67	William C. White.
Wyoming	7	2	5	Miss Allie Jewel.
Canada				
Eastern	17	4	13	
Central	20	3	17	J. Howard T. Falk.
Western	41	1	40	A. Percy Paget.
		510	2,587	

Help get 500 New Members Before Christmas!

Conference Acquires Private Pamphlet Collection

The National Conference Library has had a varied history. About four years ago when it seemed too expensive to maintain the kind of library that would be useful in the activities of the headquarters office, the Executive Committee decided to dispose of the rather meager set of bulletins and reports then on hand. While it is apparent that the office must depend always upon larger libraries for general reading, there is constant demand for a small, well-classified working library. The experience of the National Conference in this regard corresponds to that of other national organizations. Furthermore, there is a demand that the Conference accumulate and maintain for its own use and for that of allied agencies a specialized historical collection in certain departments as, for example, the proceedings of the state conferences.

The Conference office has, therefore, for nearly a year, had the part-time services of a trained librarian and arrangements have been made for shelving a simple working library. An important acquisition for the development of this plan is noted in the following minute of transactions of the Executive Committee at its recent meeting: "The General Secretary, Mr. Cross, presented to the Conference his personal library collection of pamphlets and other documents relating to social work, about 2,500 in number, and it was accepted with an expression of gratitude."

New Dates For Old

A series of postponements of state conference meetings scheduled for the fall months was announced in the last issue of the *CONFERENCE BULLETIN*. Some of the state conferences have already announced new dates and expect to go through with their programs about as originally outlined. The customary calendar of state meetings, with addresses of secretaries, given below, therefore, represents chiefly these new dates:

KAN.—Topeka, Nov. 26-7, G. L. Hoxford, 113 N. Lawrence Av., Wichita.

MASS.—Springfield, Dec. 5-7, Lillian M. Brown, 184 Boylston St., Boston.

NEW YORK—Rochester, Dec. 10-12. R. W. Wallace, State Capitol, Albany.

OHIO—Columbus, Dec. 17-19. H. H. Shirer, 335 South High St., Columbus.

VT.—Montpelier, Jan. 15-16. A. R. Gifford, Burlington.

The Minnesota conference, which was to have been held November 9-12, has been postponed since publication of the last *BULLETIN*. Likewise, the South Carolina conference, which was to have been held November 19-21, has been abandoned.

Getting the Confidence of the Public

"If the social agencies have not always conceived their problems in a way to gain the full cooperation of the community, neither have they stated their case so as to most effectively capture and hold the interest of the public"—Robert E. Park, at Kansas City, in discussing "Methods of Forming Public Opinion Applicable to Social Welfare Publicity."

(Pamphlet No. 139. Price 5 cents.)

Program Suggestions Invited

What topics would you like to have discussed at the next National Conference?

The sudden change of direction of national effort, toward peaceful development, has started everyone thinking about new lines of research and discussion. From all quarters comes the suggestion that the National Conference of Social Work must function largely in the new day of constructive thinking.

But in what ways, specifically?

How do the particular proposals harmonize with the subject matter of discussions at former meetings of the Conference? To what extent is this organization, at a meeting to be held six months hence, adapted to the attainment of results such as the persons concerned have in mind?

These are natural qualifications, but not restrictions, upon the proposal of topics for discussion at the Atlantic City meeting next June. Another limitation, and one which is likely to be overlooked in one's eagerness to have a question talked out, is the impossibility of accepting all suggestions and the need frequently of modifying those that are adopted.

The Program Committee of the Conference would be pleased to receive suggestions for the Atlantic City discussions. These may be sent to the General Secretary at Chicago, or they may be directed to the appropriate chairmen of the established divisions, as follows:

Children: Henry W. Thurston, 105 E. 22nd St., New York.

Delinquents and Correction: Col. Cyrus B. Adams, St. Charles School for Boys, St. Charles, Ill.

Health: Dr. C. E. A. Winslow, Yale University Medical School, New Haven, Conn.

Public Agencies and Institutions: Robert W. Kelso, State Board of Charity, Boston, Mass.

The Family: Joanna C. Colcord, Charity Organization Society, 105 E. 22nd St., New York.

Industrial and Economic Problems: Mrs. Florence Kelley, National Consumers' League, 289 Fourth Ave., New York.

The Local Community: Frances Ingram, Neighborhood House, 428 S. First St., Louisville, Ky.

Mental Hygiene: Maj. Frankwood E. Williams, National Committee for Mental Hygiene, 50 Union Sq., New York.

Organization of Social Forces: William J. Norton, Detroit Patriotic Fund, 100 Griswold St., Detroit.

The Uniting of Native and Foreign Born in America: Graham Taylor, Chicago Commons, 955 Grand Ave., Chicago.

The Negro Question

"It is a universal principle that all peoples who must perforce dwell together find a *modus vivendi* and accommodate themselves to it. Indeed, this is true of the animals of the forest."—Dean Kelley Miller, at the Kansas City Conference, in discussing racial cooperation.

(Pamphlet No. 142. Price 5 cents.)

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for the National Conference

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BALLOT

For Suggestion of Names of Officers and Members of Executive Committee

In compliance with the **By-laws** of the Conference, members should mail to the undersigned, chairman of the Committee on Nomination for the 1919 Conference, names of persons suggested to fill any or all of the offices indicated below. These suggestions must be sent within ninety days after the date of publication of this ballot—that is, before February 15, 1919. Members are requested to use this printed form, and in addition to append a statement of the special qualifications of any person suggested for the position indicated. Members are asked to give thoughtful consideration to the location, fitness and probable usefulness in office of those proposed.

George B. Mangold, Chairman,
2221 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

For President:

First Choice.....Address

Second Choice.....Address

Third Choice.....Address

For First Vice-President:

First Choice.....Address

Second Choice.....Address

Third Choice.....Address

For Second Vice-President:

First Choice.....Address

Second Choice.....Address

Third Choice.....Address

For Third Vice-President:

First Choice.....Address

Second Choice.....Address

Third Choice.....Address

For members of the Executive Committee, stating them in the order of your preferences (five to be chosen for a term of three years):

1. Name.....Address

2. Name.....Address

3. Name.....Address

4. Name.....Address

5. Name.....Address

SUGGESTIONS MADE BY

(Signed)Address

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Nature of the Conference

The National Conference of Social Work (until recently the National Conference of Charities and Correction) exists to facilitate discussion of the problems and methods of practical human improvement, to increase the efficiency of agencies and institutions devoted to this cause, and to disseminate information.

It began as a part of the American Social Science Association in 1874. Its scope and influence have gradually widened with the growth of scientific thought and the increase in extent and complexity of social problems. Its annual meetings attract between 3,000 and 4,000 delegates.

The Conference consists of seven permanent Divisions, devoted to the following subjects: Children; Delinquents and Correction; Health; Public Agencies and Institutions; The Family; Industrial and Economic Problems; and The Local Community. Special provision is made for the consideration of subjects not falling under any of these classifications.

Anyone who is interested in the purposes and work of the Conference may become a member upon payment of the prescribed fee: regular members, \$3.00 a year; sustaining, \$10.00; institutional, \$25.00. Join the Conference, so as to lend it your support and to participate in the benefits of its association.

Donations, in any amounts, are asked, to maintain and increase the larger educational work of the organization.

The *Proceedings* of the annual meeting, in cloth-bound volume or in separate sections, and this monthly *Bulletin* are furnished without additional cost to all members. This and other literature, including many pamphlets, may be purchased by persons not members of the Conference. Price lists will be sent on request.

A bureau of information about social problems and agencies is maintained at the Chicago office, for the service of all who may inquire, even though they may not be members.

Committee on Transportation Reports

Smooth sailing for twelve months is the experience reported by the agent of the Transportation Committee of the National Conference for the year ending September 1, 1918. No cases for adjustment have been brought before this judicial body by signatory societies. An increase of more than six per cent in number of co-operating societies is shown. Although it is not noted in the report, the principles of the Transportation Agreement have been adopted practically for the entire transportation work of the home service chapters of the American Red Cross. This is covered by an inter-office circular from the director general

of civilian relief under date of March 18.

The brief but significant report of the Transportation Committee for the year ending Sept. 1, 1918, follows:

During the past year Messrs. Jeffrey R. Brackett, E. D. Solenberger and George S. Wilson have continued as members of the committee, Mr. William T. Cross being secretary ex-officio.

During the year no transportation cases have arisen.

On August 31st the number of transportation signers was 846 as compared with 801 one year previous to that date. The new signers are distributed as follows:

Municipal departments.....	4
Associated charities.....	16
Trav. Aid societies.....	12
Y. W. C. A.....	10
Miscellaneous	3
	45

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) FRED S. HALL,
Agent of the Committee

No Division Hand-Books This Year

Last year the plan was tried of publishing separately the proceedings of the ten divisions of the Conference. These transactions were put out in the form of paper-bound handbooks, and members were given the opportunity to secure the material in that fashion. About six hundred members chose the new plan and it was intended to repeat the experiment this year. The returns from the ballot form printed in the September issue of the *BULLETIN*, however, have not met with expectations—due perhaps to peculiar circumstances of the year. Only fifty members have asked for the Proceedings in this form. Handbooks will not be printed this year, therefore, and the 25 cents extra payment made by those who expressed a preference for them will be returned shortly. This procedure is in accordance with action taken by the Executive Committee.

Wanted: State Conference Proceedings

The National Conference office has undertaken the collection of as complete a set of proceedings of State Conferences as may be obtainable through correspondence with secretaries of these organizations. Indiana was the first of the states to which request was sent to reply favorably to the communication and to complete the series of volumes for the National Conference library. The proceedings of 27 years of the Indiana Conference are now in the possession of the National Conference, with the exception of the second meeting in 1892, for which no proceedings were published. The secretaries of many other state conferences have responded favorably. Some have undertaken the difficult business of locating rare volumes which may be in the possession of earlier members of their conferences. The co-operation of state conference members and of local libraries is asked in order that the National Conference may eventually possess as nearly a

complete set of proceedings of the state conferences as are obtainable.

Washington Conference Active

The Washington State Conference, which met at Spokane, September 16-18, emerged with an organization in which the social workers of the state have expressed great hope. The recent meeting is reported to have been well attended. Charles M. Fassett, Spokane's socialized mayor, opened the meeting. One of the leading addresses was that of David F. Tilley, a former member of the Massachusetts State Board of Charity, on "Adequate State Care and Supervision." Red Cross Home Service, the co-ordination of social agencies, war time developments in education and in child welfare work, and care of the feeble-minded, were subjects of chief interest. Father J. G. Stafford of Seattle has been succeeded as president by Judge Harcourt Taylor of Yakima. Mr. Tilley, who is a member of the divisional staff of the Red Cross at Seattle, becomes secretary in place of Rev. M. A. Covington of Spokane.

Indiana Conference Ahead of the Epidemic

The Indiana State Conference of Charities and Correction held its twenty-seventh annual meeting at Evansville October 5-8. The last session adjourned just prior to the statewide ban on public gatherings on account of the influenza epidemic. Considering the headway already made by the disease, and that to reach Evansville meant an all-day trip for many of the delegates, and that everybody was exceedingly busy, the registration of approximately 1,400 was most gratifying. About 300 registered from outside Evansville.

The program included six general sessions, five section meetings, seven luncheon programs and forty-two church services. Several of the nearby towns also asked for speakers on Conference Sunday. The general theme of the Conference, "The War and Community Problems," and the opportunity to hear such experts as Major Frankwood E. Williams, Miss Maude E. Miner, Dr. Jessica B. Peixotto, Francis H. McLean, Elwood Street, Dr. James E. Hagerty, Curtis Lakeman and others who contributed to the discussion, brought together not only representatives of the institutions and organized agencies who always attend the Conference, but many who have recently entered the field as civilian relief and home service workers and as members of the state and county councils of defense. The state council and at least two of its committees had prominent places in the program, and one day was "Red Cross Day," with several members of the Lake Division staff in attendance at a round table, a luncheon and an evening session.

The next Conference will be held at Fort Wayne. Dr. George S. Bliss, superintendent of the Indiana School for Feeble-Minded Youth, was elected president; Eugene C. Foster, secretary of the Indianapolis Charity Organization Society, secretary.

